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Decathlon participants announced

by Bill McGovern

The six winners of the all-school academic decathlon qualifying tests have been determined. There will be two students from each grade range (A, B, and C) representing Shaker.

The six students are seniors Ernie Green, Jody Brown, James Heasley, Rob Cohen, Frank Malone and junior Julie Schwarzwald. There are also three alternates in case one of the representatives is unable to participate. Matt Glickman, Josh Prober and Richard Kern, all seniors, are the three alternates.

The complex qualifying process began on November 17. On that day all students interested took a two-hour examination. The examination consisted of four half-hour sections from English, social studies, math and the sciences.

The process continued on December 2, with an essay-writing competition, in which students were given an hour to write on a variety of well-known quotations.

Following this testing, the students were given an hour to prepare a speech. All the speeches were scheduled during the week of Dec. 8. Speech and debate team coaches Mr. Zack Green and Dr. Henry Strater, along with Mr. Robert Sylak, evaluated the students' speeches. This was the final round.

After all the information was gathered, the decisions had to be made. Principal Al Zimmerman found them to be difficult decisions because of the high quality and scores of the finalists.

One of the requirements in making the decision was that there be two students from each grade average: A, B and C.

Mr. Zimmerman is in charge of the All-Ohio Decathlon, and it will be held here on President's Day, Feb. 21. Two hundred high school students from all over Ohio will be competing against Shaker. Channel 3 will be filming the entire event and celebrities from Channel 3 will speak at the closing banquet.

The inspiration for Mr. Zimmerman came from a national decathlon, in which Shaker was invited to participate last year.

In that year, after a similar qualifying process, Shaker sent seven students to represent the school in the National Academic Decathlon in California.

P.U.S.H. Excel activities to be heightened by Ellison speech

by Bill McGovern

Dr. Nolen M. Ellison, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cuyahoga Community College District in Cleveland, Ohio, spoke to the high school on Jan. 6.

He was brought to the school by the P.U.S.H.-Excel staff in their annual schedule of speakers.

Mr. Ellison is one of the nation's outstanding urban and community college educators. Since 1974 he has headed the 27,000 student, $62 million Tri-C system.

In 1972 he became the youngest president of the Seattle Central Community College and one of the youngest school administrators in the country.

One of Mr. Ellison's more impressive accomplishments is his recognition in 1974 as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year" by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was honored as one of the nation's 75 outstanding educational leaders in 1981. Also in that year he received the Freedom Award from the N.A.A.C.P. He has won numerous awards in his relatively short career.

One of the pinnacles of his career was his service on the President's National Advisory Committee on Black Higher Education and Black Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Ellison is heavily involved in the Greater Cleveland area. As a member of many boards and committees, he has become well-recognized and respected in the city.

Mr. Ellison was born in 1941 in Kansas City, Kansas. He and his wife, Carole, live in Shaker and have two sons; Marc is currently attending the University of Kansas and Steve is a sophomore here at Shaker.

From Semanteme:

Dreams and
sunbeams
Snowy nights and Twilights
Tapestry
weaves
and autumn leaves
Thoughts of friends
it never ends
They stir your mind,
You want to create.
But you only reorder.
Can you just restate?
Go ahead,
Write what you think.
Fill this pool
Where thirsty minds drink.
If you would read,
Why not write?
Give part of this world
Your light.

Gristmill rushes to meet deadlines

by Beth Groppe

You may not realize it, but while you've been innocently going about your business this school year, **The Gristmill**, Shaker's outstanding yearbook, has been watching ... and photographing, and editing, and working on layouts that capture the uniqueness of Shakerites.

Anyone who walks into the **Gristmill** room (Room 312) can see blatant proof of the zealousness of the staff's efforts. But although the room doesn't seem very organized, few people realize how much time and work actually go into the organization of a good yearbook. This year's book promises to be a good one under the guidance of Mr. James Hoffman. Cindy Kaffen and Beth Groppe (Co-Editors-in-Chief) and Drew Chavinson (photography editor) are struggling to make **Gristmill** really representative of what Shaker is like NOW and to create an excellent book despite the rising costs of publication.

Many staff members have also put much time and effort into **Gristmill** '83, particularly business manager Julie Scharzwald (assisted by Laurie Garvin), and the section editors Alison Feldman, Cindy Phelps, Laura Whay, Sean Branagan, Vanessa Roberts, Nana Goshien, Donna Flinker, Jessica Abrahams, and Jennifer Schwartz. Jill Nagusky, assistant photography editor, and seven capable photographers also spend much time working on the **Gristmill.** The average **Gristmill** staff members put in five to ten hours of work a week.

The **Gristmill** staff must depend on the support of students and local patrons in order to produce the yearbook. Fifty dollars will pay for an advertisement in the **Gristmill**, and the editors encourage students to use their imaginations and to compile ads together.

Announcement

Shaker Police will license bicycles on Jan. 8, and Feb 12. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The licensing will take place at the City Hall Annex, 3380 Lee Road (opposite the Fire Department drive).

All bicycles must be licensed and the owner's or parent's social security number engraved on the frame. The fee is $1.50 per license or $.50 for a re-issue to the same owner if the sticker has been removed.

City ordinance requires that all bicycles parked on public property be locked. Unlocked bikes will be impounded.

For further information on licensing procedures, call the Police Department at 921-7000.

Computers added to library collection

by Harriet Hawkins

Shaker Heights High School has acquired two new Apple II Plus computers. One will be used for library record keeping; the other is for the use of both teachers and students.

Computers were acquired for several reasons. First, since society is using computers more, students ought to know how to use them. The computers come with instructions on how to use the keyboard as well as simple programs and advanced books for those students who are more serious about this tool.

Secondly, the computer has tutorial programs. For instance, there is a program to help one prepare for the SAT's. This program keeps score, corrects the answers, and increases in difficulty as one progresses. The program has a record of improving student scores on the actual SAT. Mr. Larry Rakow, Shaker High's head librarian, wishes in the future to acquire programs in math and English.

Thirdly, the computer is very helpful for the teachers. Programs can be made to help teachers with record keeping and the computing of grades.

Also there are simulation games. These games present situations that have occurred in the past and makes projections about the future. The only games that will not be allowed are arcade games.

If a Shaker student is interested in using this new computer, he or she should sign up with Mrs. Thompson, 24 hours in advance, in the library.

It should be mentioned also that the library has added over 200 new paperback books to its collection. Mr. Rakow said that he had been concerned about the lack of pleasure reading at Shaker. He talked with some staff members and heard that outside reading was affected by quantity of assigned homework. Mr. Rakow was not satisfied with this answer, so he ordered these books and as it turned out, the first day the books were on display, 140 were checked out.

URBACH

An interested student uses the computer.

Planetarium remodeled

Plantarium undergoes reconstruction. URBACH

by Brent Silverman

The Shaker Heights High School planetarium serves many purposes. It is not only the site of an astronomy class and a place for the faculty and other groups to hold meetings, but it also serves as a district facility. Every student visits the planetarium at least once during his or her elementary school career. The various and frequent uses of the planetarium have made it necessary to renovate and revise certain architectural features to allow for a more comfortable and practical area.

The planetarium has been in existence since 1971. Within the last few years, at least 25 chairs have been broken. The headrests on the chairs were snapped during normal use while students were leaning back viewing the solar system. Finally, so many chairs were lost that it became difficult for the room to hold large numbers of students. It was at this point that planetarium directors and Principal C. A. Zimmerman decided to renovate.

Mr. Zimmerman explains his choice to invest district money in the planetarium in this way. "Every student of every elementary school visits the planetarium. Therefore it is necessary for the facility to be upgraded to usable standards."

The planetarium is expecting to receive 70 new chairs in early 1983, while 50 original chairs are to remain. When ordering the new chairs, those in charge learned that no specialized planetarium chairs were available in the same model or size as the original ones. The new chairs that are available are comfortable, but they are too large for the original platforms. Carpenters have had to extend the platforms in order to accommodate the larger chairs. Once the platforms were extended, they had to be covered, and the most effective and economical way to cover them was through carpeting. The carpeting will completely alter the acoustics of the room. The sky line will also be lighter and easier to see because no reflections will come from the carpet.

The transformation of the planetarium required shut down of one week; the facility is now ready for general use.

Announcement

Final exams will occupy Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 25-27. The finals will be given in the morning, from 8:30-11:30, and in the afternoon from 1:00-4:00. The schedule is as follows: science (Tuesday morning), English (Tuesday afternoon), math (Wednesday morning), social studies (Wednesday afternoon), foreign language (Thursday morning), and make-ups (Thursday afternoon).

Deciding fate: who should play God?

by David Michel

He really should be dead, you know. Dr. Brian Clark out at the University of Utah Medical Center has no heart. Not his own anyway. He is living on blood pumped through him by a plastic contraption called Jarvik-7 and 375 pounds of support equipment. Post-operative complications keep him rather quiet now, easy to understand since he was almost permanently relieved of any noise-making obligations. The real complications in Clark's case, however, are not medical, but ethical. Never mind the difficulty that the miracle may not last, the fact is that it has been done. The big question for doctors is "What do we do now?"

If Clark's operation is judged a success, then who is to get the next extension of life? Not that there are many more $60,000 artificial hearts floating around, but there is certainly no lack of demand. How does a doctor decide when there isn't enough life to go around? Moreover, does he have the right to decide? To provide artificial hearts to all potential recipients would cost billions. Few of these people can handle the expense. But surely the doctors cannot choose only those who can pay. Maybe the government can help, maybe not. The cost factor would be enormous, and the government is already spending enough money on projects to kill people, not save them. Even if the money were there, the manufacture and the actual operations could never keep pace with need. Should medical science then provide these new hearts for the elderly who will die soon anyway? Would a doctor tell an elderly lady on welfare with no family except her husband that she could not have a life-saving operation?

But then, what kind of life can one have tethered to the machinery of an artificial heart. Is it worth the money to live a prisoner's existence; is that really life at all? Transplants of real hearts are more practical and perhaps "fair" from that angle, but they raise some interesting questions of their own. Fully a third of the people waiting for such a transplant die before a donor is found. And then, who is to decide if the donor is dead? Organs that are candidates for transplant must be removed from the donor as soon as possible. Will the doctors literally hover over him before he dies, waiting to cut him up? And maybe he himself could have been saved with a transplant. Will doctors be inclined to let borderline cases die to provide life for others? Doctors now are being put in a bad position. They have more life-saving ability than ever before. To exercise this power, they increasingly have to play God. Should anyone do that?

S. African blacks deserve equality

by Paul Zoltan

The country of South Africa, perceived by this administration to be a valuable and stable ally, is in the grips of a potentially volatile crisis.

The instability is due to discontent among the black populations of South Africa. Discontent stems from legitimate political and economic grievances of blacks. Blacks are forcibly contained within "homelands," a misnomer for ghettos. These supposedly autonomous areas are without representation in South African government, yet they fall within the jurisdiction of the South African army. Blacks are carefully kept from the cities, where jobs are to be found. For this reason unemployment rates in the homelands such as Soweto have exceeded 35 per cent. Economic hardships less acute than those of 1982 triggered riots in Soweto during 1976. The response of the South African government was typically shortsighted. Terror was used. A spree of groundless arrests occurred, characterized by the senseless and brutal murder of Steven Biko during interrogation in 1977. The rioting ceased. Within the last few years, however, a black labor movement has been growing. The police have been using the same tactics as in the seventies. Last year 48 union leaders were arrested, most of them without any formal accusation. Despite harassment in this and other forms, the union movement has enlisted greater and greater support within the black population.

But not all blacks are willing to wait for recognition from the hostile government of their own country. The African National Congress, or ANC, is drawing increasing support from a downtrodden people. The policies of the ANC are terrorist, yet they do not use "soft" or civilian targets like their Irish and Palestinian counterparts. The ANC is fighting a war for publicity, and they are winning. Several weeks ago in a South African raid into the supposedly autonomous land of Lesotho, 30 ANC conspirators, five women, and two children were killed. This military victory amounts to no more than a defeat for governmental public relations. South African blacks are learning that the government cannot be bargained with.

In a country that is over 90 per cent black, a government cannot last without recognizing the legitimate grievances of blacks. The present apartheid policies of South Africa put the economic burden of recession on the shoulders of blacks and allow blacks no means to improve their positions. Denied legal means, blacks will give increasing support to organizations like the ANC. Until there are substantial reforms in the government of South Africa, stability will remain an illusion.

Hypocrites criticize but don't solve problems

by Jody Brown

Many people have labeled our generation as the "me" society. Our age is filled with individuals who neither know how to think nor care to think beyond their own personal needs. In the midst of this depressing revelation, there is one positive observation; we certainly do know how to complain.

Our generation is not at a loss for an opinion — on anything. Everywhere we look, there seems to be something to criticize or to ridicule. Most of us are not in favor of nuclear warfare. Many of us have very definite opinions about controversial subjects such as abortion, the situation in the Middle East, and our economy. Although we complain about the state of our world, we lack the initiative to do anything to solve our problems. How many of us have ever taken the time to sit down and write to a Congressman? How many of us have actually gotten involved in an organization that upholds one of our values? Unfortunately, the numbers are incredibly low.

We are all guilty of the same fault. Too many of us want things to be done, but not enough of us are willing to take the responsibility to act. While we complain about Reagonomics and its effect on welfare and unemployment, very few of us can find the energy to bring in some cans of food to help this cause. Though we complain that certain products sold in the school are rip-offs, we continue to buy and buy. And while we complain about **The Shakerite**, how many of us have volunteered to write an article?

Society is based upon a dichotomous process: identifying problems and then finding the solutions. Somewhere along the line, it seems that we have forgotten about the second part of the deal. We lack the energy, the passion, and the effort to do anything about the problems that we so readily point out. Furthermore, many of us neglect to consider a topic objectively before making a complaint. It's time that we as individuals and as students start taking a more active role in our society at large as well as that of our school. After all, they are our problems, and we must face them and provide the solutions, or they will get the best of us.

Letter To The Editor

Student cites sexism

Dear Editor,

I was shocked, upon opening this week's **Shakerite**, to find a cartoon suggesting that school would be "more exciting" if "certain teachers would wear shorter dresses and no bras." This is an incredibly sexist remark, and I cannot believe that a paper coming from a school the caliber of Shaker Heights High School could contain such a comment.

This is not the first sexist remark made by **The Shakerite**. In the last edition, falconry was described as a sport that even a "blond, buxom housewife" could understand. If anyone knows what being a blond, buxom housewife has to do with understanding any sport, I beg him to explain it to me, because I see no connection whatsoever.

The worst part of this blatant sexism in our school newspaper is that the people, both men and women, with whom I have talked, do not seem tremendously upset. They seem to think it is a good joke. If the paper contained a racist remark, I am sure we would all have heard, not only from students, but from parents as well and no one would be laughing. We take great pride that Shaker Heights High School is intergrated. We do seek equality between the races, but until the women of both races are treated with respect, there will be no true equality in this school.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Halloran
Junior

The Shakerite received an overwhelming reaction to the editorial cartoon printed in the Dec. 14 issue. The editors of **The Shakerite** stand behind our editorial cartoonist, although we are sorry to have offended so many people who claim that the cartoon was in bad taste and a slight to women. The view that we take is that no one was expressing the opinion that women should be seen as sex objects; unfortunately, many women **are** seen as sex objects, and therefore the answer to the question, "Will school ever be exciting?" was accurate for a percentage of the student body. We certainly did not intend to perpetuate the notion that such an attitude is acceptable. We appreciate the responses we have received concerning this cartoon, and we encourage our student and faculty readers to continue to express their agreement or disagreement with anything that appears in **The Shakerite**.

Letter To The Editor

College aid is still available

After reading the article "Financial Aid Forms Delayed" in the December 14, 1982, issue of **The Shakerite**, I was concerned that some students might be discouraged about the availability of financial aid for college. There still are billions of dollars in financial aid funds from colleges and universities, the federal government, the state government, and private sources for students attending college in 1983-84.

The article mentions guaranteed student loans but does not mention grants, loans from the colleges, and work-study funds — the major sources of financial aid. Money for college — it's still there.

The article correctly states that FAF (Financial Aid Form) should be in the guidance office by mid-January. It is important for students to secure the form and complete it as soon as it is available. Be especially careful about meeting the college's financial aid application deadline. Students with questions should not hesitate to ask for information from their counselors, Mrs. Bernon from the Cleveland Scholarship Service, or the college financial aid officer. Remember — there is money available, but you must apply.

Allen Grigsby, Chairman
Guidance Department

Letter To The Editor

Library policies defended

There is no such thing as bad publicity. Someone once said, "I don't care what they call me as long as they spell my name right," so I suppose I ought to be grateful for any publicity the library receives. But the article on the library in the last issue of **The Shakerite** omitted important facts that cannot be ignored.

Despite the misleading headline, our library is not silent (though quiet group work and conversation are encouraged). We are fortunate to have a facility large enough to accommodate the legitimate needs of both students who require silence and those who prefer to talk to complete their work. Specific areas are set aside for each, as well as for those who engage in other library-related activities — viewing films and video, playing chess, working with our computer, or relaxing with the latest magazine or paperback. Far from the restrictive environment alluded to in the article, our library is alive and vital and buzzing with activity.

The sign-in lists for study hall students and seniors do not represent a dramatic break with past procedure. They do allow us to take attendance and learn names and thus provide the kind of personal service the students in this school deserve. We expect students who chose to come to the library to arrive on time and to remain with us for the entire period. As teachers as well as librarians we take our charges seriously.

Earlier this year, the unrestricted use of the library during lunch periods created a carnival atmosphere which made study impossible. The new pass system has not only reversed this situation, but currently provides ample opportunities for students to use the library during lunch. We write out scores of passes daily and provide weekly passes for those who ask. It has never been our intention to curtail access for those who have a legitimate need for our services.

Frankly, it seems petty to me to whine about procedure when the library provides so much to so many so often during the day. If we must respond to an untenable situation by requiring passes from a few during two periods a day, it seems a small trade to make for the unprecedented new programs and services we extend.

Larry Rakow
Library Department Head

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Study finds more women joining computer field today

A recent study conducted by one of the technical institutes of the Bell & Howell Education Group shows that the number of women entering the computer science field is on the rise, and those already in the field are moving up.

The study, conducted by the DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, surveyed 100 employment managers in the Chicago area. Fifty-two percent of them said that more women accepted entry-level positions with their firms in 1981 than in previous years.

In addition, 68 percent reported a significant increase in the number of women in technical positions over the past five years. The firms surveyed all actively recruited data processing personnel.

Many of the firms said they were eager to hire women for computer positions, but there was a shortage of qualified applicants. In addition, they noted that the growing number of women in the work force has resulted in a higher percentage of women reaching management levels within their companies. Overall, companies reported a 20 percent increase in the number of women reaching management levels within their companies.

What does this information mean to a high school student considering a career in data processing or technical work? "The results of the DeVry study indicate a strong willingness on the part of employment managers to hire qualified women," says Kingsley Bewley, President of BHEG. "While many of the jobs were thought to be traditionally-male positions, that stereotype is quickly being eroded."

He added that the number of jobs in these fields and applicants seeking those positions are on the increase. In the future there will be more and more competition for higher level positions.

Bewley said the deciding factors in hiring an applicant are the amount of education and experience the applicant has. "Companies want to hire well-qualified people ... people who know what they are doing. The survey also revealed that personnel managers ranked specific skills and education as the primary qualifications for employment. And, of the two, skills were clearly preferred."

If you are thinking of a career in either the computer or other technical fields, Bewley offers these suggestions:

Consider a technical school. "Technical schools use state-of-the-art equipment and offer hands-on, career-oriented training. Many graduates have obtained good starting positions in their field of study. But before you decide to go to a school, be certain that it is the right school for you."

Research the field. "Look through trade magazines, and talk to employers — see where they think your best prospects for employment will be."

Find a part-time job. "If, for example, you are planning to go into a data processing career, try to find a job working with computers. This will help familiarize you with the equipment and will increase your chances for employment after school."

'More of Loesser' impresses Playhouse

by Maura Murphy

Composer and lyricist Frank Loesser has had immense success on Broadway with such hits as "I've Never Been In Love Before" and "If I Were a Bell." Loesser has also worked in Hollywood collaborating with many other top composers to create hit film tunes like "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle," "The Hurricane," and "Says My Heart." Loesser has a very impressive repertoire.

Why all this about Loesser? A Quintessence Celebrity Series, sponsored by the Women's Committee and the Men's Committee of the Cleveland Playhouse, is being presented by the Drury Theater on E. 86th Street. Every couple of months, there is a new Quintessence performance that showcases both theater and film actors. As a part of the Quintessence Series, the musical revue **More of Loesser** arrived straight from its run in New York City at the St. Regis and gave a one-day performance on December 6, 1982. The musical revue was a collage of hit songs from many of Loesser's musical comedies.

Bobby Morse and three other actresses took songs from four of Loesser's plays and did a wonderful presentation. The three actresses — singers are Terri Klausner, Marsha Skaggs and Laura Waterbury.

Ms. Klausner was the first actress to play Eva in **Evita** and also was in the Broadway and National Touring Company's play, **A Chorus Line.**

Ms. Skaggs also has been a Broadway performer. She appeared in **Einstein and the Polar Bear** as well as other plays. Ms. Skagg's sister, Ms. Waterbury, also has a claim to fame. She appeared in **Fiddler on the Roof, Chicago,** and she has experience doing other St. Regis revues.

Other people that helped get **More of Loesser** on the road were Grant Sturiole, musical director; Barry Harman, creative consultant and writer; Michael Litchfield, director; and Harve Brosten, producer.

More of Loesser presented songs suitable for voices, from the sand paper rough jazz sound of Morse to low seductive tones from Klausner and also operatic, clear voices from Skaggs and sister Waterbury. The total range of styles guaranteed to keep all listeners satisfied as well as entertained, no matter what their tastes.

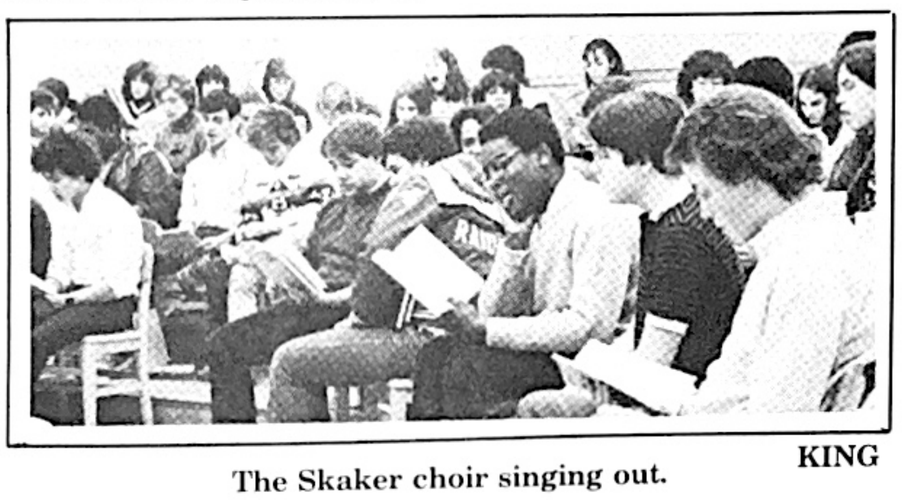
On the whole, the production was very quickly paced, highly entertaining and a rather amazing revue. Even for one who previously did not know any of Loesser's work or even who Loesser was, the revue **More of Loesser** was great.

Choir concert warms audience

by Frank Malone

The place to be to hear some of the most talented high school choirs and ensembles was in Shaker's large auditorium on Dec. 16, 1982. The Shaker High School Choral Department, under the direction of Mr. John Everson, presented its annual Alumni Choral Concert. The choirs performed for a warm and receptive audience which consisted of many alumni from past choirs. Though this year's A Cappella and Concert Choirs are among the smallest in recent Shaker history, what they lack in size they make up for in musical ability and talent. Also performing were the three ensembles made up of the top singers from the two choirs. They were the Chamber Choir, the Chanticleers, and the Sophomore Ensemble. Music performed to suit everyone's taste ranged through jazz, sacred, pop, and Broadway. An added touch to the concert were the more than forty solos spread throughout the program. All of the soloists did fine jobs. As has been tradition for many years, the concert concluded with the A Cappella Choir performing "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's **Messiah** with the aid of alumni and parents. The fine performance of "The Hallelujah Chorus" was a fitting conclusion to a very good concert.

Many nice comments were made after the concert about the accompanists, soloists, and the choirs. But the group that most people commented on was The Concert Choir, which consists of Sophomores. Many people were impressed with the sound and the execution by the choir and felt that they will be a topnotch choir in the next two years. The choirs will be very active second semester as they participate in contests, the 51st Lake Erie League Choral Festival, the musical **Oklahoma**, The Spring Concert, Senior Honors Night, and Commencement.



The Skaker choir singing out. KING

Little Steven and his Disciples of Soul making it in the business

by Eric Hanson

With the present-day stereotype of rock and roll, some people would laugh at the idea of a rock performer who wasn't even remotely involved with alcohol or drugs, but such a phenomenon exists. In fact, Little Steven and his Disciples of Soul are doing quite well in the business, having recently opened for two sold-out Who concerts in Cleveland in support of their successful debut album, **Men Without Women.**

In regard to his unique rock and roll philosophy, the guitarist who earned a name for himself as Miami Steve of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band claimed that "up 'till now, everyone thought that if they played rock and roll they'd have to take every drug and drink 'till they passed out." In forming his new band, however, he looked for "a group of guys who were a bit more serious and into the music — people who were emotionally committed to their work," hence the name Disciples of Soul.

He defended rock, calling it a "common bond" and a "great communicator" among all people, as he realized from the widespread acceptance he was greeted with while playing in Germany this past summer. He claimed that rock "doesn't put up walls like governments do" and even went so far as to argue that one can "accomplish more with music than governments can."

Although he was and still is content with playing in the E Street Band, he said he felt a solo album was necessary since he had "something worth saying," and was certain his album wouldn't be "just another outset of a big band that doesn't really say anything." His album, based on and named after, most unusually, a collection of short stories by Ernest Hemingway, reflects this author's thoughts on the problem of "trying to balance work with personal relationships in life" and the loneliness it sometimes results in, according to Little Steven.

However serious and somber Little Steven may appear to be, he still seems casual at heart. His casualness was perhaps most evident in his response to a question posed regarding the origin of his other nickname, Miami Steve. After long contemplation, he replied, "I went there once."

Youth for Understanding seeks families

The students and families of this area have the opportunity to experience the unique cultures of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uraguay when high school exchange students from those countries arrive in Ohio and West Virginia. Approximately sixty high school students will arrive this winter and will live with area families and attend school during their six month stay.

One of the international students, Loreto Gimenez, from Santiago, Chile, is fifteen years old and has studied English for four years. As an active high school student, she enjoys basketball, swimming and going to movies. In school, Loreto enjoys English, math and history. Loreto is one of two children and is looking forward to living with an American family which is close-knit.

Renan Teaal of Recife, Brazil, is another Youth For Understanding (YFU) exchange student who will arrive in January. Playing soccer, tennis and basketball are Renan's primary interests. Renan is seventeen years old, comes from a Catholic family and wishes to continue his religious activities here.

Students like Loreto and Renan come to the U.S. under the auspices of Youth For Understanding, one of the world's largest international student exchange programs. International students arrive from and American students depart to one of the twenty-three participating countries around the world.

Youth For Understanding began in 1951 when Rachel Andresen, of Michigan, arranged for German and Austrian students to come to the U.S. and live with American families for one year. This arrangement was made in an effort to eliminate the animosity that Americans felt towards the German people after World War II. After thirty-one years, YFU has exchanged more than 100,000 students and is still striving for world understanding and peace through student exchange.

Being a host brother or sister to an YFU exchange student offers you an opportunity to learn about another country while teaching the student the American way of life.

Although most of the incoming exchange students have been matched with families, some students still need homes. If you are interested in learning more about this unique opportunity, please call the local Youth For Understanding Representative, Sandy Sandbrink, at 216-3792.

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Boys' basketball team hopeful for good season

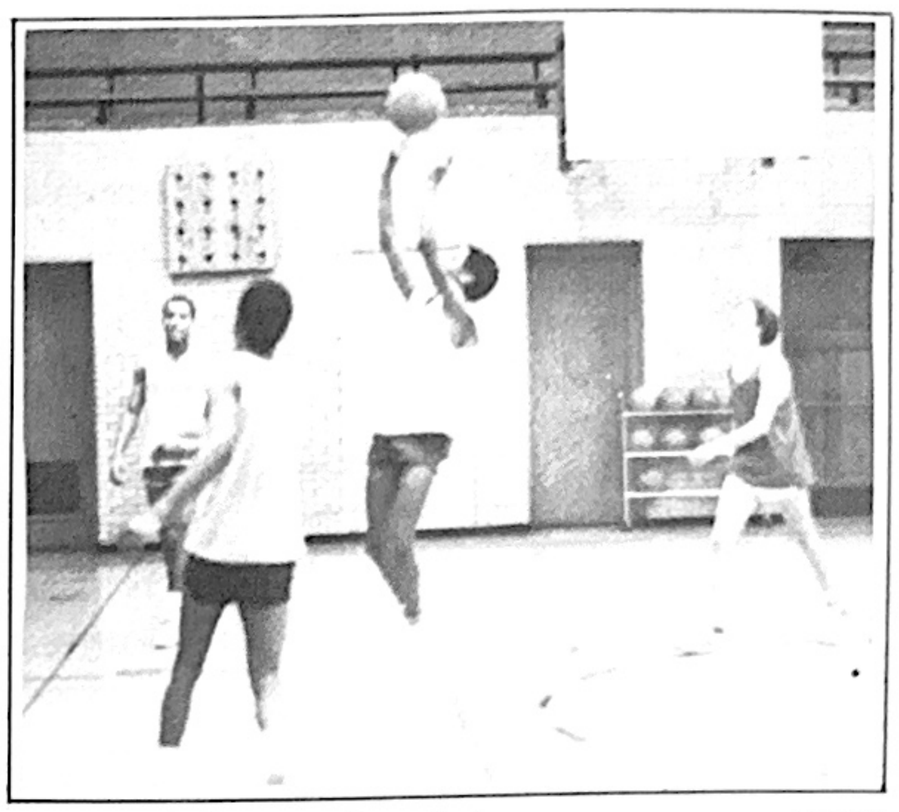
by Gillian Robinson and Derek Milligan

Despite being an exceedingly inexperienced team, with only a couple of veteran players returning, this year's scarlet clad court stompers are getting stronger each moment of the new season.

One of the contributing factors is the new head coach Mr. Rothlisberger, who finds his rookie year of coaching at Shaker High very enjoyable. He says that he really looks forward to the games in order to see how much progress was made in the previous practices. So far he has been pleasantly shocked to see that the team has made a constant improvement in every game thus far.

The team's record as of December 17 is 2-3. Their first game was at Warrensville (ranked at the beginning of the season by the **Plain Dealer** #17 in the Cleveland area) where they played an extremely physical game. Despite their efforts the Raider hoopers fell to the Tigers, 44-41. Shaker went on to defeat South, 94-68. After trouncing South, the team dominated 14th ranked Garfield Hts., 86-59. Shaker later suffered back-to-back losses to Cleveland Hts., 84-68 and Shaw, 58-50. In the Shaw game many were surprised to see the Shaw Cardinals, supposedly the city's number one team, kept from running and somewhat confined by Shaker's defense.

The strength of the team lies in its strong defense, but the individual talents of the members are capable of making the difference between winning and losing. The starting lineup has these individual abilities according to Coach Rothlisberger: "Captain Barnes is a good one-on-one player. Guard Chris Underwood is an excellent outside shooter. Guard Keith Ferrell is very quick considering his size. Derrick Milligan is one of the best point guards I know. Courtney Perry is an excellent outside shooter." Coach Rothlisberger relates that the very strong bench is a key to the team's endurance and strong fourth quarters. The substitutes are sometimes referred to as the "Stormtroopers" because of their fierce aggressive attack which not only weakens the other team but also allows the other lineup to rest. Garfield Hts. regrets having to witness the "Stormtroopers," for the bench was responsible for about half the points of that game. The Stormtroopers include Michael Singleton, Johnny Hutton, Terry Allen, Doug Burry, Everett Garden, Michael Murphy, Tony McKnight, and Jeff Grossman. Shaker, come on out and support these young men; I doubt you will regret it.



J.V. Basketball sets up for a shot. KING

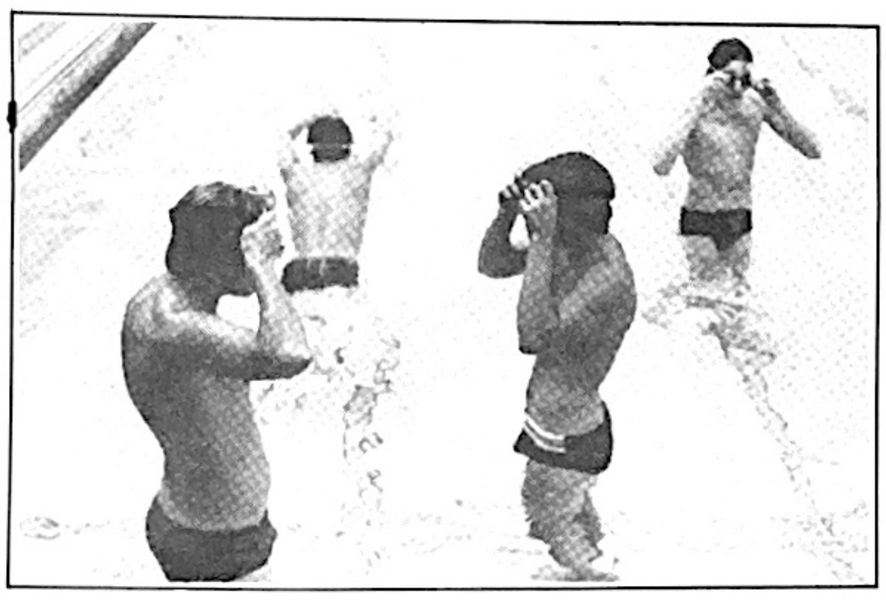
Tankers try hard

by Andy Gary

This year's boys' swim team is good; not great like last year, but good. This is basically due to the fact that many of the stars of the team for the last two years have been graduated. However, with the help of some returning juniors and seniors, the team is a solid competitor in the Lake Erie League.

The coach Ken Culek has proven himself worthy of his job. He works the team hard and great improvements have been made by all the swimmers. Culek has a highly-dedicated team. The strokers practice twice a day, both before and after school. This practice produces strength and speed while increasing their endurance and teaching them discipline.

The team hopes to end up with a 7-3 record, or better. However, next year's swim team looks good with some juniors and sophomores that have much talent.



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Peter Stevens, Tom Bloomfield, and Chris Stevens hope to see after a long practice.

Sports Matt discovers stars racing through Shaker's past

by Matt Glickman

Shaker does have a large number of auto racers who claim the oval as their track, but some Shaker grads have attained bigger successes in this field. Between the diverse accomplishments of Roger Penske and the recent successes of actor-turned-racer Paul Newman, Shaker's mark is well-noticed on the track.

Since his high school days it was evident that Penske's career would somehow involve cars. While at Shaker he dedicated most of his free time to them, working at MG Motors, which used to occupy the space of the smaller Gray Drug Store at Van Aken.

A few years after graduation, Penske catapulted into the top ranks of Formula I race-car driving, achieving the number one position in 1962. Soon, however, he began to dedicate more time to the design of these state-of-the-art machines than the actual driving. For many years he teamed up with Cosworth. He mainly concentrated on the body design while the latter worked with the engine. Recently, however, he designed cars alone and has to his credit one of the most technologically-advanced cars in the world. Through aerodynamics he increased the ground effect, the traction between the road and the underside of the car which allows for greater speed around turns. Thus, his team of cars was the favorite at last year's Indianapolis 500.

With respected veteran Rick Mears and rookie sensation Kevin Cogan behind the wheels of his cars, Penske commanded the favorite team at the prestigious race. The cars' performances were more impressive in the qualifying runs than in the actual race. Mears set the record for the fastest qualifying time at just over 200 mph. Cogan was not far behind, qualifying for the number four pole position. The tide, however, turned against Penske and his team. Cogan crashed before the race started, leaving Mears as the sole Penske entry. Many attributed the controversial crash to Cogan's inability to handle such an advanced car. Mears went on to a respectable second-place finish. Count on seeing Penske, who returned home this summer for the Budweiser Cleveland 500, behind the designs of many winning cars in the future.

Newman's career in auto racing has been limited. He did not begin to race until he was 47. He gained interest in the sport after he did some of his own stunt driving in the movie **Winning.** Newman started off cautiously, racing a sluggish Datsun 510. As his interest in racing grew, he would only accept film contracts during racing's off season, winter. He switched to a faster TR-6 and later to a turbo-charged Datsun, which can attain 225 mph. Newman also tried his hand at 24-hour endurance races, teaming up with a 700 horsepower Porsche.

In 1979, Newman won the prestigious SCCA national championships in addition to victories in numerous other races. Despite being 57, age has not hindered his racing career as is usually the case.

Maybe in the future, Newman and Penske could team up for a nearly invincible Shaker racing team.

Shaker wrestlers surprise rivals

by Sean O'Grady

Lots of wrestling action has occurred in the first two weeks of the season. As suggested in an earlier article, Shaker would surprise many teams. They have. Favorite Collinwood fell to Shaker, giving to the Raiders four forfeits, Shaker gave up one. The first victory for our wrestlers was a devastating 23 second pin by Sean O'Grady at 112 lbs. James Davis dominated at 126, and Jon Baumoel smashed his opponent and pinned him in 32 seconds. After Dan Chilton won his match at 167, the night was ended with three forfeits, and the Raiders were victorious. The next day the matmen traveled to Willoughby South for a tournament. Even though Chilton and Bob Montgomery alone gained trophies, all varsity wrestlers did fine jobs. Coach Morgan said, "This has been a good experience for all; everybody learned something and that was the underlying idea." A strong Warrensville team was a test for the young Shaker team. Ninety-eight and 105 were forfeits so the Raiders started with Sean O'Grady defeating his opponent 10-4. David Venables did an excellent job, tying the Warrensville captain, 9-9. Dan Chilton and Gardner Kibler both won crucial matches. Despite the efforts of all wrestlers, Shaker lost a close one but passed the test. In dual meet competition the varsity is 1-1.

Shaker's J.V. is proving that its era has come. It took five trophies at Willoughby South. These outstanding wrestlers are Ian Spector at 105 — 2nd place, James Gardner at 112 — 3rd place, Curtis Degenfelder at 132 — 3rd place, and Bill Dixon at heavyweight earned a first place. All did very well that day and more wrestlers joined in at the Warrensville J.V. tournament as Shaker took home eight trophies: Mike Schultz at 98 — 3rd place, Specter again — 3rd place, Jeff Watkins at 138 — 1st place, Andy Martines at 155 — 2nd place, James Longs at 155 — 1st place, John Quarrier at 167 — 2nd place, Donald Nunn at 167 — 1st place, Mark Merins at 185 — 3rd place, and Bill Dixon, in his last match as a Shakerite, mashed all his opponents while gaining another 1st place. Both coaches were surprised as Shaker shared the top spot with Southview. The J.V. overall did a fantastic job.

All the wrestlers did well. Some reached their goals and some did not, but all deserve credit for positive actions. Special congratulations to wrestlers Paul Bounds, Dave Dommel, Mark Merims, Mike Schultz, Rod Smith, and James Wilson. All performed admirably on and off the mat.

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